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Titled: QUERY PRUNING USING INTERIOR RECTANGLES IN AN R-TREE INDEX

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 8, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments for entry as indicated below for the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 28 of this paper.

Please amend the Application as set forth in the Amendments below.